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On 24 February 1953, the Prinz Louis Ferdinand Kaserne north of Beulwitz Strasse, Saalfeld, was occupied by 300 to 400 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets and the headquarters personnel numbering 50 soldiers wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets. On 14 and 24 February, about 250 soldiers were seen drilling in the barracks yard. About 80 to 100 soldiers practiced attack on a wooded hill northwest of the installation.

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Comment. Occupation strength, service color indicate that the 316th RL Regt (US) of the XXVIII Gds Mtz Rifle Corps was in its barracks installation in late February. Records on transportation indicate that, on 14 February, a unit of this regiment together with elements of the 20th Gds Mecz Div returned from exercises in the Zeitz training area. See

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in September 1951 the arrival in Saalfeld of a unit wearing black-bordered crimson epaulets which probably was the headquarters personnel mentioned in the present report.

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Military information since 1951 contained no information on the 4th Gds Engr Bn of the 39th Gds Mtz Rifle Div. Also, the battalion did not indicate, whether the battalion is stationed in Ohrdruf or in Saalfeld.

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